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FOR SSM

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SUBJECT: ACCIDENT FOLLOW-UP AND EVALUATION

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1. SUMMARY. MARCEAU RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL MAY 10. MILLER HAS BROKEN BONE, WAS RELEASED BRIEFLY, AND HAS NOW RETURNED FOR FURTHER OBSERVATION. VEHICLE IS TOTAL LOSS AND REPLACEMENT BLAZER SHOULD BE ORDERED SOONEST. REACTIONS DURING EMERGENCY APPEAR REASONABLE BUT COULD BE IMPROVED. THERE IS BASIC PROBLEM UNDER CONTINUAL ROUTINE OPERATIONS IN RECOGNIZING AN EMERGENCY. BELIEVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ARE SATISFACTORY BUT THAT UNSCHEDULED TESTS OF ALL SYSTEMS ARE NEEDED TO PRODUCE BETTER REACTION.

2. MILLER WAS FOUND TO HAVE BROKEN COLLAR BONE AND SOME DEGREE CONCUSSION. HE AND MARCEAU WERE CARED FOR AT TEL AVIV TEL HASHOMER MILITARY HOSPITAL (AND NOT HADASSA AS IDF EARLIER REPORTED). IDF DOCTOR WAS ON HELICOPTER WHICH PICKED THEM UP AND HE ACCOMPANIED THEM TO HOSPITAL. IDF COOPERATION WAS EXCELLENT.

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3. VEHICLE 061 IS TOTAL LOSS BUT CAN PROVIDE CONSIDERABLE SPARES. AS 069 NOW DEADLINED BECAUSE OF BAD TRANSMISSION, WE WILL START TRANSFERRING THE ONE FROM 061. VEHICLE WAS PROBABLY TRAVELLING BETWEEN 40 AND 50 MPH. ITS CAB IS TWO-THIRDS CRUSHED AND BODY IS BADLY TWISTED IN FRONT AND BACK.

4. ACCIDENT HAPPENED ABOUT 0615 (NOT 0700 REFTEL). NEW SHIFT HAD DEPARTED SFM EARLIER THAN 0600 DEPARTURE DEADLINE AND MILLER-MARCEAU WERE ABLE LEAVE MITLA EAST SHORTLY AFTER 0600. MITLA EAST OPERATORS FOLLOWED VEHICLE THROUGH FIRST SENSORS AND RECOGNIZED LATER THAT WADI EL TAWAL SENSORS FURTHER NORTH HAD NOT BEEN ACTIVATED. BUT THEY ASSUMED THAT CAR HAD STOPPED FOR CHECK OF AREA OR FOR OTHER PURPOSES. AT SFM, SHIFT SUPERVISOR BECAME CONCERNED OVER ABSENCE 061 ABOUT 0700. HE CALLED 061 UNSUCCESSFULLY, CHECKED WITH WATCH STATIONS AND RECALLED NIGHT SUPERVISOR TO GO ON SEARCH. MARCEAU MEANWHILE HAD WALKED BACK TO MITLA EAST AND SFM WAS INFORMED OF ACCIDENT ABOUT 0730. AMBULANCE AND WRECKER WERE DESPATCHED, AND CHIEF OF OPERATIONS HAD NOTIFIED IDF THAT, HELICOPTER MIGHT BE NEEDED, BY 0750.

5. REACTIONS DURING EMERGENCY WERE GENERALLY GOOD, BUT THERE WAS SOME DELAY IN RECOGNIZING SITUATION. MITLA EAST OPERATORS NOTED THE NON-ACTIVATION OF SENSORS BUT ASSUMED A NORMAL DELAY, RATHER THAN AN ACCIDENT, AND DID NOT INSTITUTE CHECK. WHILE MILLER AND MARCEAU NOT YET AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONING, APPEARS THEY DID NOT RADIO THEIR DEPARTURE TIME AS SHOULD. COMOPS THUS LACKED BASIS FOR GOOD ETA AT SFM OR FOR START CLOSE MONITORING OF CENTRAL READOUT PANEL. AS NORMAL DRIVE FROM MITLA EAST IS ABOUT HALF-HOUR, AND VEHICLE MIGHT HAVE BEEN DELAYED LEAVING, IT WAS NOT REASONABLY OVERDUE UNTIL AROUND 0645. FIRST CHECKS WERE STARTED 0700.

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6. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES EXIST TO COVER SUCH SITUATIONS. THE PROBLEM IS OBSERVANCE AND REACTION TO THE RARE EMERGENCY. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL MINOR ACCIDENTS DURING SHIFT CHANGES. BUT IT IS MORE THAN TWO YEARS, OR 4,560 RUNS, SINCE LAST MAJOR SHIFT ACCIDENT (JEEP ROLLOVER MARCH 1976). OTHER MAJOR ACCIDENT WAS TRUCK TURN OVER JULY 1977. WHILE SAFE DRIVING CAMPAIGNS AND REVIEW OF PROCEDURES HELP, BEST WAY DEVELOP EMERGENCY REACTIONS MAY BE TO HOLD UN-EXPECTED TEST CASES.

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